

WYCOMBE PIPPED BY BROWN

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ALTHOUGH WYCOMBE'S top scorer Tony Horseman brought his tally to 11 goals in eight games by twice equalising in this thrilling Isthmian League tussle, Bromley deservedly gained their first win of the season.

Carnaby, Agar, and Bridge went desperately close as Bromley dominated the first half. Then in the 31st minute Hutchins headed Bromley in front from Carnaby's cross.

Wycombe broke away to equalise in the 44th minute, Merrick crossing to Samuels who headed the ball down for Horseman to thump home.

Hutchins restored Bromley's lead in the 59th minute.

Wycombe's big mistake was in neglecting their best forward, right-winger Len Worley. But in the 64th minute Worley beat two men and crossed to Bates who headed the ball back for Horseman to nod in.

Horseman came near to getting his hat-trick before Bown got the Bromley winner in the 79th minute.

Wycombe Were Too Confident

BY "CHILTERN"

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THIS desultory display by a disinterested-looking Wycombe will probably do the team a power of good. For they started off over-confident at Hayes-road on Saturday, always thought they could pull it out of the bag when they wanted to—and then found they couldn't.

Twice Bromley took the lead and twice Horseman hauled Wycombe back level. But when Bromley hit the winner ten minutes from the end — the biggest gift since Carnegie began doling out libraries — the Wanderers

were faced with the realisation that they had had it.

The lesson Wycombe will have to learn from this game is that points are never safe until the final whistle. It doesn't matter who you are playing, they must never be under-estimated and then be allowed to run away with the points.

This was Bromley's first win of the season, but if they play like this they will win a lot more. There was nothing foot-of-the-table in this display.

Their forwards were fast and direct, and continually caught a too complacent Wanderers defence on the wrong foot. In fact I blame the defence for all the goals and, in large, for this upset.

Baker should have cleared the ball before Bromley's summer signing from St. Albans Roy Agar, popped up on the left wing and scrambled the ball across the goalmouth. It entered the net via Hutchins' knee.

Horseman equalised a minute before half-time, beating goalkeeper Bonner to a Samuels pass. Then in the 60th minute, Hutchins put the Kent side back ahead with a great solo goal.

From well inside his own half Brown sliced the Wycombe defence open with a long pass and the speedy Hutchins left the Wanderers defence open-mouthed as he raced through to score with a hard rising shot.

Horseman scored his eleventh goal in eight games when he equalised once more. Worley centred and Bates headed the ball back across the face of the goal and Horseman's curly head appeared from out of a ruck of players to nod the ball home.

I think the Wycombe rearguard were playing Santa Claus when Bromley scored their winner. Half-back McGill trickled the ball across the penalty area and after none of the Wycombe players bothered to boot it clear, Brown found himself unmarked and, with the ball at his feet, decided to score.

So you can't win them all. Let us hope at least that Wycombe can learn from their set-backs.

Wycombe — Maskell; Beck, Roystone; Baker, Rundle, Gale; Worley, Samuels, Bates, Horseman, Merrick. Sub. — C. Willson.